

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1193
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ryan Gough, 2006 4.0
Student of Elizabethton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Gough is one such exceptional student who was recently named a 4.0 Student of the 2006 graduating class at Elizabethton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Gough has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ryan Gough has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including varsity soccer, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Beta Club, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Junior Civitans, and the Student Council Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gough's estimable leadership skills have enabled him to serve his fellow students as the president of HOSA and FCA and as the vice president of the Beta Club and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his singular achievements in both academics and athletics, Justin Gough has received numerous awards and honors, including the Scholastic Achievement Award, Chemistry Award, Biology Award, State HOSA Debate Champion, State HOSA Debate Runner-Up, Honorable Mention All-Region Soccer Player, All-Region and All-District Soccer Player, and Elizabethton High School's Linkman (Midfielder) of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. Gough has endeavored to serve his fellow citizens through volunteer work with the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk and Barbecue Fundraiser, the Cyclone Center Daycare, the Junior Civitan Canned Food Drive, and the Elizabethton Senior Center Christmas Banquet, to name only a few of the worthy organizations that have benefited from Ryan Gough's generosity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gough's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Gough's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kenneth and Sheila Gough, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gough's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Elizabethton High School 4.0 Student, Ryan Gough, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.